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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 27, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on **page 2** of this paper.

No amendments are made in this paper to the Specification (other than in the claims) or to the Drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.

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